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## EDITOR'S NOTES . . .

The *Washington Law Review*, like all publications, must plan ahead. As publication deadlines approach, we find ourselves immersed in a mass of detailed work—making final editorial revision of articles, comments and notes submitted for publication, checking citations for substantive content and form, and reading and rereading a seemingly inexhaustible volume of printer's galley. During this rush to publication, time—always on the march—seems to quicken its pace. However as, pressures for publishing the current issue mount, we try not to lose sight of the imminency of another issue with its attendant problems, crises and demands. Each issue must be planned months in advance. Subjects for articles must be selected and authors solicited. Writing assignments for those law students who will soon join the *Review* must be culled from a mass of legal materials. Thus, we must look to the future while at the same time meeting the insistent demands of the present.

No issue of the *Review* demands more advance planning than the Asian Law Symposium. The present Philippine Sympo-

sium represents the culmination of two years of effort on the part of three Editorial Boards. This length of time is required to select the format, solicit authors and coordinate the efforts of all participating in the Symposium. These tasks were magnified by the fact that the Editorial Board did not have personal contact with the Philippine authors; coordination with the authors was accomplished through the mail—a time consuming process. However, the cooperation and kindness shown by our distinguished authors, many of whom are from the Philippines, eased our burdens immeasurably. Primary editorial responsibility for this symposium issue was assumed by Mr. Martin Crowder, Symposium Editor of the preceding Editorial Board. With the assistance of other board members, he coordinated the writing effort of our authors.

Professor Cornelius J. Peck served as Faculty Adviser to the *Review* for the Philippine Symposium. During 1963-1964 he taught at the University of the Philippines in Manila. His knowledge of the Philippines and his generous and kind counsel

was appreciated by all members of the *Review*. In addition, his article on the administrative process in the Philippines should prove stimulating to all students of law and government.

The *Review* would also like to thank Professor Dan F. Henderson, Director of the Law of Asian Countries Program, for his help, encouragement and thoughtful advice. Our symposium issues, in conjunction with the Asian Law Program, are designed to stimulate initial research and to develop a body of legal materials on Asian law that are not presently available to Western legal scholars and practitioners. We feel confident that the present issue represents a significant contribution to this endeavor. Future Symposiums will deal with the law of other Asian countries—China, India,

Malaysia and further articles on Japan.

Space limitations have prevented publication of one article scheduled for the Symposium. *Philippine Labor Law—A Survey*, by Perfecto Fernandez, will be published in the October issue of the *Review*. Reprints of this article will be sent to the subscribers of the Symposium issue.

Several abbreviated citations, not common to American legal periodicals, have been utilized in this issue of the *Review*. The following guide is provided as an aid in understanding the most common abbreviations:

Philippine Annotated Laws  
(PHIL. ANN. LAWS)  
Commonwealth Act (C.A.)  
Republic Act (R.A.)  
Public Act (P.A.)  
Official Gazette (Off. Gaz.)  
General Register (Gen. Reg.)